

# 2008 The Iowa County Index

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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## CCMS

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## ISAC BOARD

Harlan Hansen – May  
Joe Buffington – May  
Marjorie Pitts – June  
Mike McClain – June  
Terri Henkels – July  
Nancy Parrot – July

## ISAC STAFF/FUNCTIONS

Goodbye from Jerri – January  
Welcome Jenna – January  
Welcome Sam – January  
Welcome Cindy – February  
Welcome Jenny – February  
Welcome Stacy – March  
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## ISAC MEETINGS/CONFERENCES by Stacy Horner

District Legislative Days – January  
ISAC Fall School a Success – January  
2008 Meetings Update – January  
Spring School Update – February, March  
Sign Up for ISAC District Legislative Days – February  
Spring School Wrap-up – April  
ISAC Legislative District Workshops – May

2008 ISAC Fall School of Instruction – June, July, August, September, November  
New County Officers School – September, October, November  
ISAC Corporate Hotel Rates – October  
2009 ISAC Spring School of Instruction – December  
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#### **LEGAL BRIEFS by David Vestal**

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Confusion Abounds on Change in Salary Law – March  
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Attorney General's Opinions Clarify Role of County Government – May  
Farm Bureau – June  
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Counties Need to Guard Against Check Fraud – August  
Counties Need to Monitor Employees' Computer Use – September  
Are Your Employment Practices All That They Should Be? – October  
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Can Newly Elected Officials "Come In and Clean House"? – December

#### **LINCOLN LETTERS by Grant Veeder**

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial – February  
Abraham Lincoln and the Case of the Mississippi River Bridge – March  
Lincoln Appoints Keokuk Attorney to Supreme Court – April  
Lincoln Visits Dubuque – May  
Iowa's "War Governor" and Abraham Lincoln – June  
Lincoln's Iowa Land Holdings – July  
Senator James W. Grimes: Lincoln Critic – August  
Senator James Harlan: Friend of Abe – September  
Lincoln's Burlington Visit – October  
Lincoln and Ann Rutledge – November  
Lincoln Visits Council Bluffs – December

#### **NACo News**

Rural Action Caucus Establishes 2008 Priorities – January  
2008 NACo Legislative Conference – January, February  
Restore the Partnership – February  
Get Ready to Celebrate! – February  
NACo Annual Conference – April, May, June  
County Courthouse Awards – April  
NACo Board of Directors: WIR Conference – Grant Veeder – July  
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NACo Committees Appointments – November

#### **TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

##### **By Robin Harlow**

CoMIS + ETC = County CSN – January  
Defining E-Government – February  
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County CSN Marches On – April  
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CSN Update – July

Is There a DR/BC Plan in the House? – August  
Building a Better Plan – September  
Taming the Technology Tiger – October  
Technology in Touch Times – November  
2008 Excellence in Action Awards – December

##### **By Tammy Norman**

Digital TV is on its Way – February  
Blu-Ray Technology – March  
Webcams – May  
Satellite Radio – June  
Slingbox – July  
ISAC Office Flood Evacuation: Lessons Learned – August  
Surface and Multi-Touch Technology – October  
Digital Photo Frames – December

#### **ISAC BRIEFS**

Public Policy Process – January  
2008 ISAC Board of Directors – February  
Legislative Tracking Tool – February  
County Officials Attend Leadership Conference – March  
SEAT Program – March  
Membership is The Answer – Rachel E. Bicego – May  
Conference Hotel Dilemma – Stacy Horner – June  
ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser Wrap-up – August  
ISAC Scholarship Application – November

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The EAP Advantage – January  
2008 CARE Grant Deadline Extended – February  
I-Smile for Iowa's Children – February  
Enhancing Your Administrative and Leadership Capacity – March  
Saving with the State – April  
Be the Brand: Score Big by Connecting Consumers with Your Community Brand – April  
Recovering Lost Treasures – May  
9 Ways to Go Green – May  
2008 Iowa Grant Symposium – July  
Test Your Investment Knowledge – Bryant Sheriff, IPAIT – July  
Making Medicare Make Sense – July  
Responding Through Training – September  
Township Trustee Training Keeps Local Officials Up-To-Date – September  
New Toolkit Explains Roles and Responsibilities of Local Boards of Health – December  
Statement of Ownership – December  
GASB 45 – Maybe More than You Want to Know! – December